

THE TRENDS OF TRADE

Steel Rail Mills Not Able to Keep Up With Orders.

BOOM AT EDGAR THOMSON WORKS.

Phenomenal Growth of Young Cities Around Pittsburgh.

WEEK'S WORK AT THE LIBERTY LARDS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURGH DISPATCH, THURSDAY, November 21, 1890.

The Edgar Thomson works at Bessemer are now turning out upward of 30,000 tons of steel rails a month, and the faith and hope of the managers are that November's output will reach 35,000 tons. When the two new furnaces in process of construction are completed the capacity of the works will be increased fully 25 per cent. The first of the new furnaces is fast approaching completion, and is expected to be ready for work soon after the turn of the year. The advance in steel rails the past 90 days is equivalent to 86 per cent, the price now being \$22.50 against \$20.50 in the summer.

A portion of this advance, about one-third it is conjectured, goes to the tonnage workmen. Not less than \$3.50 per ton has been added to the profits of the owners in the past three months, and with an output of nearly 1,100 tons every 24 hours the tonnage workmen are making a profit of \$2.50 on each ton.

How the Profit Sinks Up.

If steel rails are not manufactured at the Edgar Thomson works, they are made at the Westinghouse works, and the price of steel rails in England is less than \$20 per ton, and is a short time ago. The cost of labor there is, of course, much less than here, but the machinery introduced by the late Captain Jones, it is claimed by experts in the industry, has made the advance in cost less than that of the Edgar Thomson works.

It Booms Everywhere.

As a result of this great activity at Bessemer, Bradock is rejoicing in unbounded prosperity. Coal in the young city is steadily rising in price, and calculations on the value of Main street property are now made by the foot, whereas a dozen years ago property holders counted on the value per square foot.

Liberty Live Stock.

It will be seen from the accompanying report that the local receipts of live stock are not so large as last week, but are about the same as the previous week. The supply of light butcher stock was not up to demand, and prices advanced 10 to 15 cents per head.

The Whole Week at Liberty.

Following is report of the week's transactions at the East Liberty yards:

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Supply of sheep being 1,300 head larger than last week markets have been slow for all except very choice grades. Medium and common